



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Jeffrey Conklin et al

Serial No.: 09/192,735 Group No.: 2785

Filed: 11/16/98 Examiner:

For: System for Iterative, Multivariate Negotiations Over a Network

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION
UNDER MPEP § 708.02, VIII**

1. Petition

Applicant hereby petitions to make this new application, which has not received any examination by the Examiner, special.

2. Claims

(check and complete all applicable items (a) through (c))

(a) All the claims in this case are directed to a single invention.

(b) If the Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention, then applicant will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status.

(c) If claim(s) _____ are found not to be examinable in this case with claim(s) _____, then applicant hereby elects claim(s) _____ for the prosecution of this case.

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3. Search

(check all applicable items (d) through (g))

A search has been made by

- (d) the inventor
- (e) attorney
- (f) professional searcher
- (g) foreign patent office

in the following:

(h) field of search: _____
class(es) _____ subclass(es) _____

(i) publication:

(j) foreign patents:

(k) search by corresponding foreign patent office or at the former International Patent Institute at The Hague, Netherlands.

(l) U.S. Patent Abstracts Online and Internet references

4. Copy of References

There is submitted herewith a copy of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims.

Also attached is form PTO-1449.

5. Detailed discussion of the references

There is submitted herewith a detailed discussion of the references, which discussion particularly points out how the claimed subject matter is distinguishable over the references.

NOTE: As to all other references not treated above, an information Disclosure Statement should be filed.

NOTE: Where there is an intention of overcoming one of the references by a declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 the declaration must be submitted before the application is taken up for action, but in no event later than one month after the request for special status. MPEP § 708.02, VIII.

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Also attached is an Information Disclosure Statement.

6. Fee

The fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(i) is to be paid by

the attached check includes the fee of \$130.00
 charging Account _____ the sum of \$130.00. A duplicate of this petition is attached.

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